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SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. \*Will, through available sources or indices check, determine the nature of the Mexican-American Unity Council.

(2) Will follow and report on any pertinent IIMA activities.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will, at IRS, determine the tax exemption status of IIMA, inasmuch as it has been reported subsequent to 9/23/74 that IIMA has such status.

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April 1, 1975

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Also Known As \_\_\_\_  
Comite de Mexico y Aztlan  
COMEXAZ  
CMA

The confidential material contained herein is indicated by a (C).

This investigation is predicated upon information indicating the Instituto De Investigacion Mexico-Aztlan (IIMA) (See Appendix) is engaged in activities which could involve violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), and 2385 (Advocating the Overthrow of the U. S. Government).

MEXICO

CUBA

CAL

~~TEXAS~~ Ruben Palacios Perez, Howard Hotel, Oakland, California, advised on November 7, 1974 he was born August 20, 1935; that he is an alcoholic, has used hallucinatory drugs on several occasions, had been a heroin addict for several years, and was currently being treated under the methadone program at Oakland, California; that he had been arrested many times on charges such as burglary, petty theft, possession of drugs, and drunk.

AKA JOSUE R. PEREZ CLASS. & EXT. BY 10-21-80 SP-5 RJB/jrc  
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JOSUE R. PEREZ

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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During 1969, he was attending Merritt College in Oakland, California, where he worked on "El Rocho Che", a Chicano magazine whose staff was made up of militant Chicano activists in the San Francisco Bay Area. The magazine was in existence for about one year, 1969 to 1970.

"El Rocho Che", according to its Volume I, No. 1, dated July, 1969, is a monthly national/international movement magazine.

This edition was dedicated "To Fidel in the spirit of the 26th of July". Roberto Perez Diaz is listed as a member of the Editorial Staff and Ruben Perez is listed as a member of the staff.

CAL

Cuba Roberto Perez Diaz is Director of IIMA, a past National Committee member of the Venceremos TEXAS Brigade (VB) (See Appendix), and the founder of IIMA on February 8, 1971. He has traveled to Cuba on several occasions.

Ruben Perez advised that during 1970, Roberto Perez Diaz, who was very active in recruiting people to go to Cuba with the VB, convinced him he should go to Cuba. Roberto Perez Diaz had indicated to him his stay in Cuba might be indefinite, indicating he might be contacted by someone there for additional training. At the suggestion of Roberto Perez Diaz, he had assumed the identity of Josue Roberto Perez, who was born July 18, 1940 and had died when he was two or three years old. Josue had been a cousin of Roberto Perez-Diaz. At about this time, he and Roberto Perez Diaz went to San Antonio, Texas where they met a man who provided money to help people travel to Cuba.

Ruben Perez went to Cuba and worked with the VB. He was personally taken on tours by a black Cuban on two occasions and was shown various universities, mental institutions, and factories. He was then hospitalized because of his narcotics withdrawal symptoms and after this, the Cubans paid no more attention to him because of his narcotics addiction.

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U. S. Passport No. B260584 under the name Josue Roberto Perez born July 18, 1940 at Gonzales, California, was issued on February 11, 1971 at San Francisco, California.

U. S. Government Records  
4/23/71

Josue R. Perez, U. S. Passport No. B260584, was one of a group of U. S. Citizens, members of the Fourth Contingent of the VB, who returned to the U. S. on the weekend of May 30, 1971. ~~(S)~~

[SF T-1  
6/11/71] ~~(S)~~

Personal observations by a Special Agent of the FBI on several occasions from February 23, 1974 to January 29, 1975 shows IIMA's Oakland, California headquarters continue to be located at 3210 East 14th Street, where the directory lists them as ~~IIMA News Indexing Service, Comite de Mexico y Aztlan (COMEXAZ) Resource Library~~.

IIMA meetings are held at 3210 East 14th Street, Oakland, on a weekly basis, attended by between approximately six to twelve members. They have been having political education classes on such subjects as the history of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, the "Communist Manifesto", Lenin's "What is to be Done", and MAO Tse-tung's "Little Red Book". The members also continue to work on the COMEXAZ's news clipping service. ~~(S)~~

[SF T-2  
7/17/74-2/18/75] ~~(S)~~

Roberto Perez Diaz advised the members of IIMA he had taken a trip to Mexico from June 23 to July 8, 1974 to cover the "V Festival of Chicano Theatres" for IIMA and Jacinto Trevino College, and to get in touch with people who had shown themselves to be interested in IIMA. ~~(S)~~

Jacinto Trevino College, Mercedes, Texas, established in 1969, was the first all Chicano university in the United States.

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The "IV Festival of Chicano Theatres", held in Mexico City from June 24 to July 7, 1974, was sponsored by El Teatro Nacional de Aztlan (TENAZ) (The National Theatre of Aztlan), a national organization of theatre groups in the U. S. and Centro Libre de Experimentacion Teatral y Artistica (CLETA) (Free Center of Theatrical and Artistic Experimentation), a national organization of theatre groups in Mexico. The theme of the festival was "One Continent, One Culture".

Roberto Perez Diaz described his contacts in Mexico as follows: (c)

CLETA

Sullivan No. 43  
Mexico 4, D.F. (c)

Rodolfo de Leon  
General Prim No. 95  
Mexico 6, D.F.  
Telephone: 535-6683 (c)

7014ND

De Leon is an architect interested in the Chicano movement who studied in Poland and who has agreed to send material to IIMA. (c)

Rene Aviles Fabila  
Lopez Cotilla No. 1810-601  
Mexico 12, D.F.  
Telephone: 524-3424. (c)

Aviles Fabila is a writer, a member of the PCM (Mexico Communist Party), works at Fondo de Cultura Economica (Economic Culture Fund), a publications house partially owned by the government. He is sub-director of public relations and has agreed to send books to IIMA without charge. (c)

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Pedro Reyner  
Rocueta No. 233  
Jomes de Bazaress  
Mexico 10, D.F. (C)

Reyner is a member of the PCM and a friend  
of Aviles Favila. (C)

Lic. Emilio Portes Gil  
Emilio Castelar No. 151  
Mexico 5, D.F. (C)

He was President of Mexico from 1928 to 1930.  
He is very "anti-Gringo" and has written about  
the Chicano problem. Roberto Pedro Diaz met  
him through Pedro Reyner. (C)

Luz Maria Espinoza  
Apartado Postal 21-876  
Mexico 31, D.F. (C)

She is from Santa Barbara, California and is  
working with Los Mascarones and is now in charge  
of implimenting a communications center for  
Los Mascarones. She told Roberto Pedro Diaz  
she would like to convert that center into an  
IIMA office. (C)

Los Mascarones is a theatre group formed in  
Mexico City in 1968 to present Communist Prop-  
aganda. It has traveled in Mexico and the U.S.  
presenting revolutionarw skits and songs.

Armando Toba Nunez  
Pitagoras No. 525  
Col. Navarete  
Mexico 12, D.F.  
Telephone: 543-1229 (C)

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He is IIMA's "official contact" with the PST  
(Workers Socialist Party) (Partido Socialista de  
Los Trabajadores). (C)

Francisco Ortiz Mendoza  
Alvaro Obregon No. 135  
Col. Roma  
Mexico 7, D.F. (C)

He is one of the principal leaders of the PPS  
(Peoples Socialist Party) (Partido Popular Socialista). (C)

CENCOS  
Medellin No. 33  
Mexico 7, D.F.  
Telephones: 533-6475 and 533-6476 (C)

Roberto Perez Diaz advised he discussed with  
the Director of CENCOS, Jose Alvares Icaza, about  
CENCOS participating in the work of IIMA, but it  
was decided that due to lack of personnel, CENCOS  
could not participate at the present time. (C)

[ SF T-2  
10/24/74 ] (C)

At an IIMA meeting at their Oakland headquarters  
on December 21, 1974, the members decided that they would  
get all the people they know to write to congressmen, senators,  
the State Department, and others to intervene in favor of  
Olga Talamante, to bring pressure on the Argentine Government  
so they will release her. She is a cousin of one of IIMA's  
members. (C)

ARGENTINA

[ SF T-2  
1/3/75 ] (C)

Olga Talamante is a U. S. Citizen from Gilroy,  
California arrested November 11, 1974 in Argentina  
in a police raid on a private residence, where she  
resided and where arms and guerrilla propaganda  
were located.

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MEXICO-AZTLAN, Also Known As  
Comite de Mexico y Aztlan

Instituto de Investigacion Mexico-Aztlan (IIMA), also known as Comite de Mexico y Aztlan (COMEXAZ), founded in 1971 at Berkeley, California, is an organization primarily of Chicanos whose common goal is the destruction of capitalism. Several members have traveled to Cuba and Mexico and IIMA maintains contact with Cuban officials and Mexican revolutionaries. Members are engaged in a Marxist-Leninist political education program. IIMA, under the name COMEXAZ, puts out a monthly research publication which is a compilation of newspaper clippings on matters of interest to Chicanos. IIMA is headquartered in Oakland, California. (e)

APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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VENCEREMOS BRIGADE

The Venceremos Brigade (VB) was formed in June, 1969, in cooperation with the Cuban Government to show support for a successful communist revolutionary government and to encourage American youth to travel to Cuba in defiance of a ban on travel to Cuba by the U.S. Department of State. The VB seeks participation of subversive people in the United States, based on their support for the communist regime and desire to aid in harvesting agricultural products and construction of housing in Cuba. The VB has stated it will seek to educate people about imperialism and foster a revolution against it. Individual members of the VB have made statements to the effect that the most significant effect of the Brigade would be to build a revolutionary movement in the U.S. around those who go to Cuba. The VB utilizes a questionnaire to screen applicants and recruitment for membership in recent Brigades has favored individuals with subversive backgrounds. It is known that officials of the Cuban Government have played a dominant and decisive role in the formulation of VB policy and in selection of VB leaders and members for recent VB contingents. VB members are known to have been contacted by various hostile intelligence services while in Cuba, and it is known that the VB is being used by these intelligence services for spotting purposes as well as recruiting intelligence agents and support personnel. The VB is currently headquartered in New York City.

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